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PITTSBURG PA DISPATCH APRIL 14, 1918 ASSISTING MEMBERSHIP DRIVE



Walter F White

Walter F White of Atlanta, Ga, is the newly appointed assistant secretary of the National Association. And Admicement of the Colored People, and is hard at work with the field secretary, James Weldon Johnson of New York, who will open the membership drive in this city today. Meetings in the interest of the drive will be held under the auspices of the local branch, beginning this morning at Euclid Avenue African Methodist Episcopal Church, East End, with Mr Johnson the principal speaker; in the afternoon at Leondi Club a special symposium will be held, and Mr Johnson will be resented by the president of the local branch, Attorney William M Randolph. Compositions of Rosemont Johnson, brother of the secretary, will be sung by Miss Sari B Writt, and numbers by Grace Church Quartet, and in the evening a meeting at Ebenezer Baptist Church. Monday morning at 10 o'clock he will appear at the Methodist Ministers' Conference; at noon at the Baptist Ministers' Association, and in the evening at Central Baptist Church. Tuesday evening a meeting will be held at Shiloh Baptist Church, and Mr Johnson will again be the speaker. Wednesday evening a mass meeting will be held at Watt Street School auditorium. Secretary Johnson will outline the objects of the drive. A meeting of the membership committee will be held tomorrow evening with Mrs Randolph.

MR. VILLARD AND THE NEG

The need for intelligent aid and direction for the advancement and protection of the rights of American Negroes was never greater in the United States, perhaps, than it is today. Certainly this superlative statement holds true for the last five years, during which the country has seen the great "war migrations" of the southern Negro. Mr. Oswald Garrison Villard heads a national organization making a campaign this week for support from white people of the cause of the black man. Mr. Villard's war attitude has antagonized many liberals who have stood by him in the past But admiration for the consistency of his courage as well as belief in the rightness of his presen effort, should lead them to give him renewed hel in his work for the Negro. The recent greet in crease of the colored population in Chicago moul make us realize, too, that this is a problem the exists within our own gates.

preside over one of the city Courts of Indianapolis one day last Month.